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SUBJ: PROPOSED VISIT TO CAMBODIA - AMB GODLEY

EYES ONLY FOR AMBASSADOR GODLEY AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY
GREEN FROM AMBASSADOR SWANK

1. UNLESS THE SITUATION DEVELOPS IN SOME UNFORESEEN
WAY, I BELIEVE YOU SHOULD COME TO PHNOM PENH AS
SCHEDULED. THERE IS NO SUBSTITUTE FOR THE FIRST- HAND
IMPRESSIONS YOU WILL RECEIVE AND YOU CAN PLAY YOUR
MEETING WITH LON NOL, WHICH WE HAVE ALREADY REQUESTED
FOR APRIL 9, AS COOLLY AND NON- COMMITTALLY AS YOU WISH AND
AS THE SITUATION REQUIRES. IT MAY TURN OUT YOU CAN HELP
US ACHIEVE A BADLY NEEDED UPTURN HERE.

2. WE HAVE NOT YET REQUESTED AN INFORMAL MEETING WITH
SIRIK MATAK BUT PLAN TO DO SO IN THE COURSE OF NEXT
WEEK. IT WOULD FOLLOW RATHER THAN PRECEDE YOUR MEETING
WITH LON NOL, AND WE WOULD APPRIZE THE MARSHAL' S OFFICE
IN ADVANCE THAT YOU ARE CALLING ON SIRIK MATAK INFORMALLY
BECAUSE HE IS AN OLD ACQUAINTANCE.

3. THE PROVISIONAL SCHEDULE WE HAVE DEVELOPED FOR YOU
(LADIES TO FOLLOW A LESS STRUCTURED PROGRAM) IS AS FOLLOWS:
SUNDAY - APRIL 8
1530 - ARRIVE POCHENTONG AIRPORT, MILITARY SIDE.
1600-1645 - MILITARY AND SECURITY BRIEFING IN DAO OFFICE.
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1645-1730 - BRIEFING ON POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC SITUATION
AND MISSION PROGRAMS IN EMBASSY CONFERENCE ROOM..

1830 - DINNER AT THE RESIDENCE. KHMER GUESTS INVITED
INCLUDE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND MRS. LONG BORET,
MAJ GEN AND MRS. SOSTHENE FERANDEZ, MINISTER OF PUBLIC
WORKS AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND MRS. KHY TAING LIM,
AND MAJ GEN AND MRS. SAK SUTSAKHAN.

4. MONDAY - APRIL 9

0800 - COUNTRY TEAM MEETING.

0900 - CALL ON PRESIDENT LON NOL.

1000 - CALL ON PRIME MINISTER HANG THUN HAK

1100 - INFORMAL CALL ON SISOWATH SIRIK MATAK.

1245 - PROBABLE STAG LUNCHEON WITH MINJUSTICE CHHAN

SOKHUM (WHO KNEW YOU AS COUNSELOR HERE)

1415 - DEPART FOR POCHENTONG, MILITARY SIDE

1430 - DEPART FOR VIETNAME

5. UNLESS YOU OR WASHINGTON DECIDE OTHERWISE, WE WILL
LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR VISIT.
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